

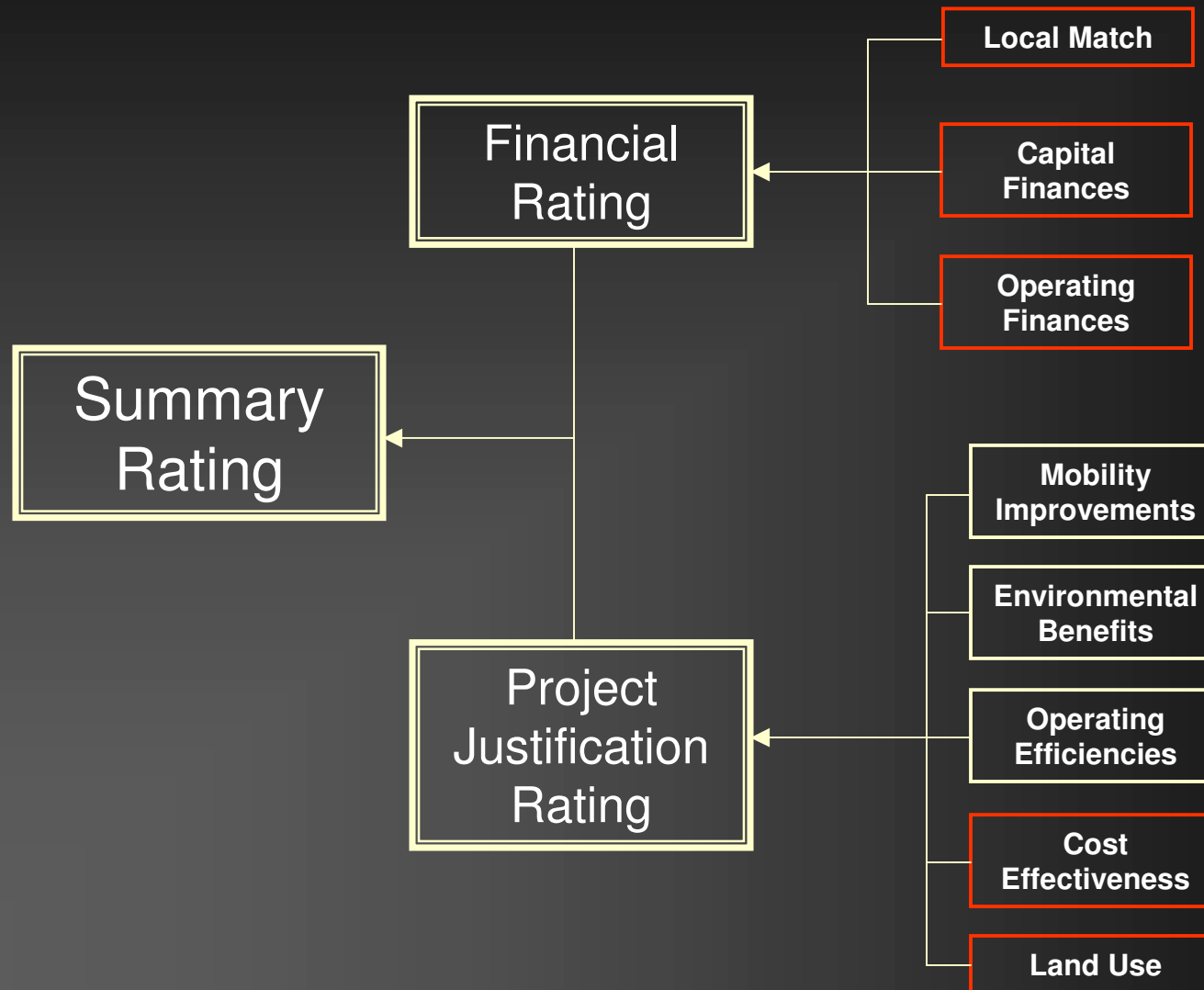
Purpose of this Public Hearing



“New Starts” Process

- Capital grants program from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Funding for major fixed guideway transit projects throughout the country
- Greatest federal match for funding is 50%
- Highly competitive—most local governments must provide at least 50% in funding

"New Starts" Rating



Transit Project Development Process

Four steps:

- Systems Planning
- Alternatives Analysis
- Preliminary Engineering & Environmental
- Final Design

Long-Range Schedule

